

REMARKS

The present submission is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 8, 2004 in which Claims 1 and 3-21 are pending. Claims 11-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1 and 3-21 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 11-21 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations. These amendments are proper after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116(c) for purposes of removing issues for Appeal. A Notice of Appeal for the instant application was filed on January 10, 2005. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the amendments to claims 11-21. No new matter has been entered.

Claims 11-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for allegedly failing to provide a connection to the technological arts. The Applicant has amended claims 11-19 in a non-narrowing manner to include reference to the technological arts as required by the Examiner. Additionally, the Applicant has amended claim 12 in order to correct a spelling error. The Applicant submits that amended claims 11-19 properly recite a connection to the relevant technological arts and respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections of claims 11-19. Claims 20 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for failing to recite a computer-readable medium. The Applicant has amended claims 20 and 21 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions and submits that claims 20 and 21 are proper bases of statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections of claims 20 and 21.

No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0510 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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